

# **2024 MYSC Malta to Sicily Qualifier Series**

## **Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions (NOR/SI)**

6<sup>th</sup> January – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Malta Young Sailors Club,  
Triq ix-Xama,  
St. Paul's Bay

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. No National prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration – will apply.

## 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Sails and competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors, which will be supplied by Malta Young Sailors Club in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2. On the sail the event sponsors branding shall be placed immediately below batten #5 and as close to the leech as possible but without overlapping the sail corner reinforcement.
- 2.3. Competitors shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.

## 3. Entry

- 3.1. Eligible competitors shall register by means of an application form available on the Malta Young Sailors Club website via [www.maltayoungsailors.com](http://www.maltayoungsailors.com).
- 3.2. An entry is not valid until paid.
- 3.3. Registration shall close on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.
- 3.4. Competitors must be aged 18 and over.

## 4. Categories

- 4.1. Open IQ Foil
  - 4.1.1. The competitors must use the IQ Foil board.
  - 4.1.2. The competitors must use the IQ Foil hydrofoil.
  - 4.1.3. The choice for sail rig is open but less than or equal to 9m<sup>2</sup>.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee is €50.
- 5.2. The Entry Fee shall cover all qualifier races leading up to the main two events – The Malta to Sicily Race and the Round Malta Challenge.

## 6. Personal equipment

- 6.1. **MANDATORY**
  - 6.1.1. The sailor shall wear a helmet that shall be to the minimum standard EN1385 or EN1077.
  - 6.1.2. The sailor shall wear a Personal flotation device that conforms to the minimum standard.
  - 6.1.3. The sailor shall carry a personal mobile phone which is linked to the events tracking app.

## 7. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. Competitors may be required to carry on their board's cameras, sound equipment or any other similar electronic devices.

- 7.2. Competitors are required to carry their mobile phone whilst racing, and are required to install the mobile tracking app identified by the organizers.
- 7.3. Personal Cameras and their attachments may be carried provided that they do not affect the function or use of any existing part of the board or associated equipment.
  - 7.3.1. Any footage or recording is to be made available to Malta Young Sailors Club upon request.
- 7.4. Malta Young Sailors Club retains the right to make use of footage or imagery obtained by competitors' electronic equipment throughout the entire series.

## 8. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 8.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online or on the Official Notice Board.

## 9. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Any change to the Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the warning signal of the race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1230pm on the day it will take effect.

## 10. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE & AFLOAT

- 10.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flagpole.
- 10.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore competitors shall not go afloat '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 10.3. Depending on which format will be sailed (Course Racing, Slalom or Marathon) the RC shall inform all the Competitors ashore at least 30 minutes before Warning Signal or afloat not later than Warning Signal.

## 11. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed

## 12. FORMAT OF RACING

- 12.1. The event consists of four races in long marathon race format.

## 13. SCHEDULE

13.1. The four qualifier races will be set over four weekends. On the Thursday prior to the racing weekend the better day (forecast) will be chosen as the race day. The First Warning Signal will also be decided on the Thursday prior to the race weekend. There will only be one race set for that race weekend, on either Saturday or Sunday.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>First Warning Signal</u>
6/7 January 2024	Qualifier 1	TBD
20/21 January 2024	Qualifier 2	TBD
17/18 February 2024	Qualifier 3	TBD
6/7 April 2024*	Qualifier 4	TBD
4/5 May 2024*	Round Malta Challenge	TBD
24/25/26 May*	Malta to Sicily Race	TBD

13.2. The races marked with “\*” are to be considered as prospective days.

13.3. There shall not be any warning signal beyond 15:30.

13.4. In the event a qualifier race is postponed for any reason whatsoever, the next scheduled qualifier day according to Clause 13.1 shall be next. The Organizing Authority may decide to reschedule the missed qualifier race to another date or cancel it entirely.

## 14. RACING AREAS

14.1. The Racing Areas shall be the waters adjacent to Malta Young Sailors Club and the areas adjacent thereto in case of marathon races.

## 15. COURSES

15.1. For the Series the courses will be, at the discretion of Race Officer in consultation with the competitors. However, the final decision shall be at the sole discretion of the Race Officer.

15.2. The course or courses to be sailed will be explained during the daily competitors meeting. The diagrams will show the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

15.3. Diagrams of the courses mentioned in clauses 15.1 are annexed and marked as “Appendix 1”.

## 16. MARKS

16.1. The starting, finishing and rounding or passing marks shall include inflatable grey marks, blue flagged marks, orange flagged marks, landmarks, navigational marks as they case may be.

## 17. THE START

17.1. All races will be started by using the following signals: (This changes RRS Appendix B rules 26.1 and 26.2).

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Sound Signal</u>	<u>Visual Signal</u>	<u>Description</u>
-	Three signals	Orange flag	Stand-by to first warning signal
3 minutes	One signal	IQ Foil Flag	First warning signal
2 minutes	One signal	U or Black Flag	Preparatory signal
1 minute	One long signal	U or Black Flag removed	One minute signal
0	One signal	Class flag removed	Start

17.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and either:

17.2.1. the course side of the laid starting mark, or

17.2.2. an orange flag displayed on land in the area adjacent to Malta Young Sailors Club

17.3. A competitor starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

17.4. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

17.5. To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with three sound signals) at least 2 minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 18. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

18.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move a mark or eliminate an or eliminate any turning points and notify the sailor.

## 19. THE FINISH

19.1. The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and the course side of the laid mark (or the flag staff on this mark if present) at the other end of the finish line.

## 20. PENALTY SYSTEM

20.1. Penalties for breaches of Rules and rules in the NOR/SI marked are at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than disqualification.

20.2. Penalties for breaches of rules in the NOR/SI marked will be 1 (one) point for each infringement applied by Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. The penalty is applied to each race in which the instruction was infringed. However, the Race Committee or Technical Committee may protest a board when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A board that has been penalized with standard

penalty can neither be protested by another board for the same incident nor can another board request redress for this committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.

## 21. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 21.1. Time limits and target times are in minutes and as follows:
  - 21.1.1. Target time Marathon – 120 mins
  - 21.1.2. Time limits Marathon – 240 mins

## 22. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 22.1. Hearing request forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 22.2. For Course Racing and Marathon, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last competitor has finished the last race of the day or when the race committee signals no more racing for that day, whichever is later.
- 22.3. Notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 22.4. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room.
- 22.5. On the last scheduled day of the Series, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.2.

## 23. SCORING

- 23.1. The Low Point System applies accordance with RRS A4 and B8.
- 23.2. A minimum of 2 races are required to be eligible to participate in the Malta to Sicily Race and the Round Malta Challenge.
- 23.3. Marathon races shall be scored as one race in a Series.
- 23.4. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 23.5. When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 24. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 24.1. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable.
- 24.2. Competitors not racing for any of the racing days shall inform the Race Office.

## 25. SUPPORT BOATS

- 25.1. Support Persons shall comply with the Support Boat Regulations.

## 26. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 26.1. While on the water, a competitor shall carry mobile telephones, and shall have the mobile tracking app of the event up and running.

## 27. Qualifications

- 27.1. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place will qualify to the Round Malta Challenge and the Malta to Sicily Race.

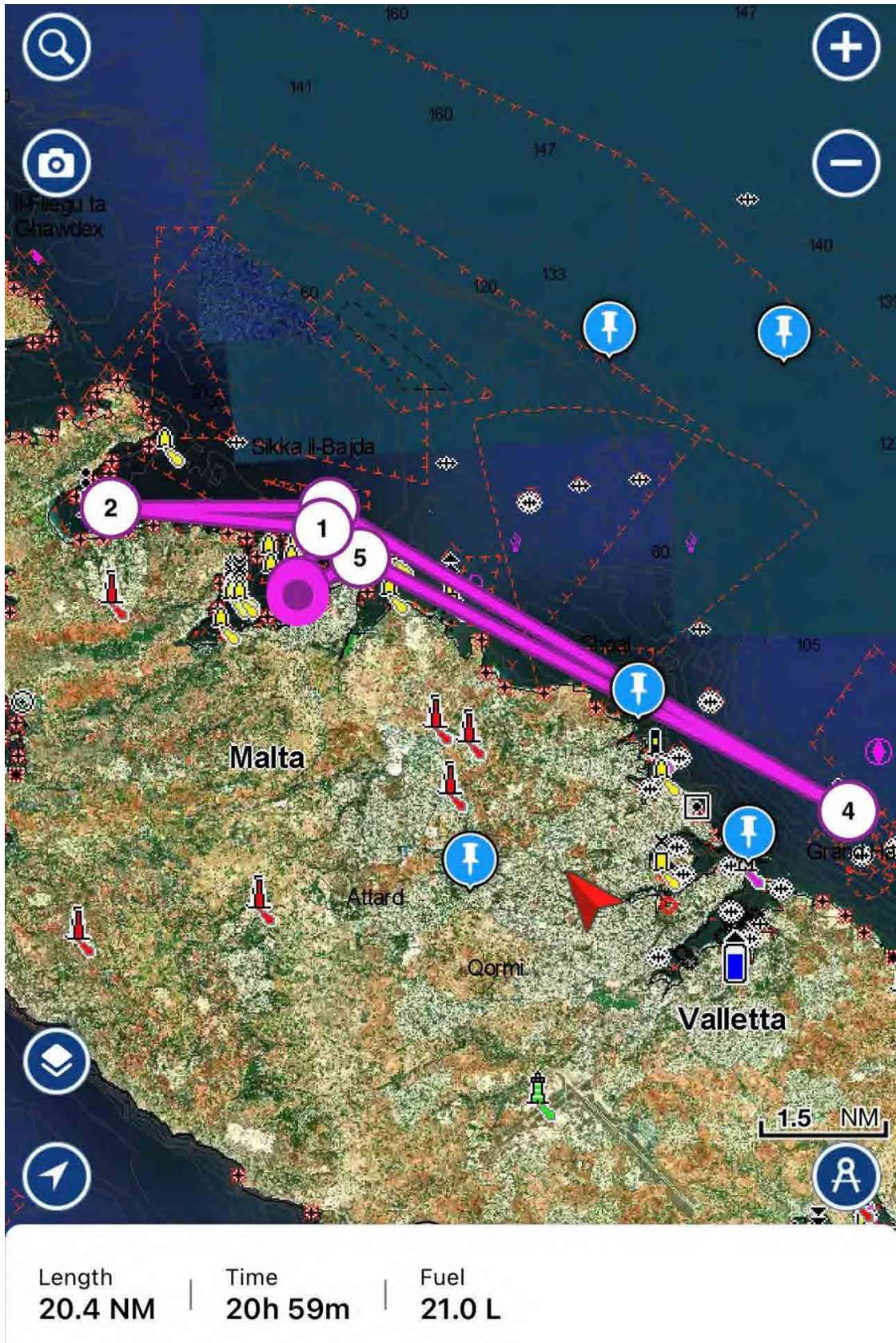
## 28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 28.1. Rule 4 of the RRS states: “The responsibility for a board’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is his/hers alone.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 28.1.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their board to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - 28.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves and their board and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 28.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - 28.1.4. Their board is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 28.2. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 28.3. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 28.4. The fact that the Race Committee or Technical Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NOR/SI.

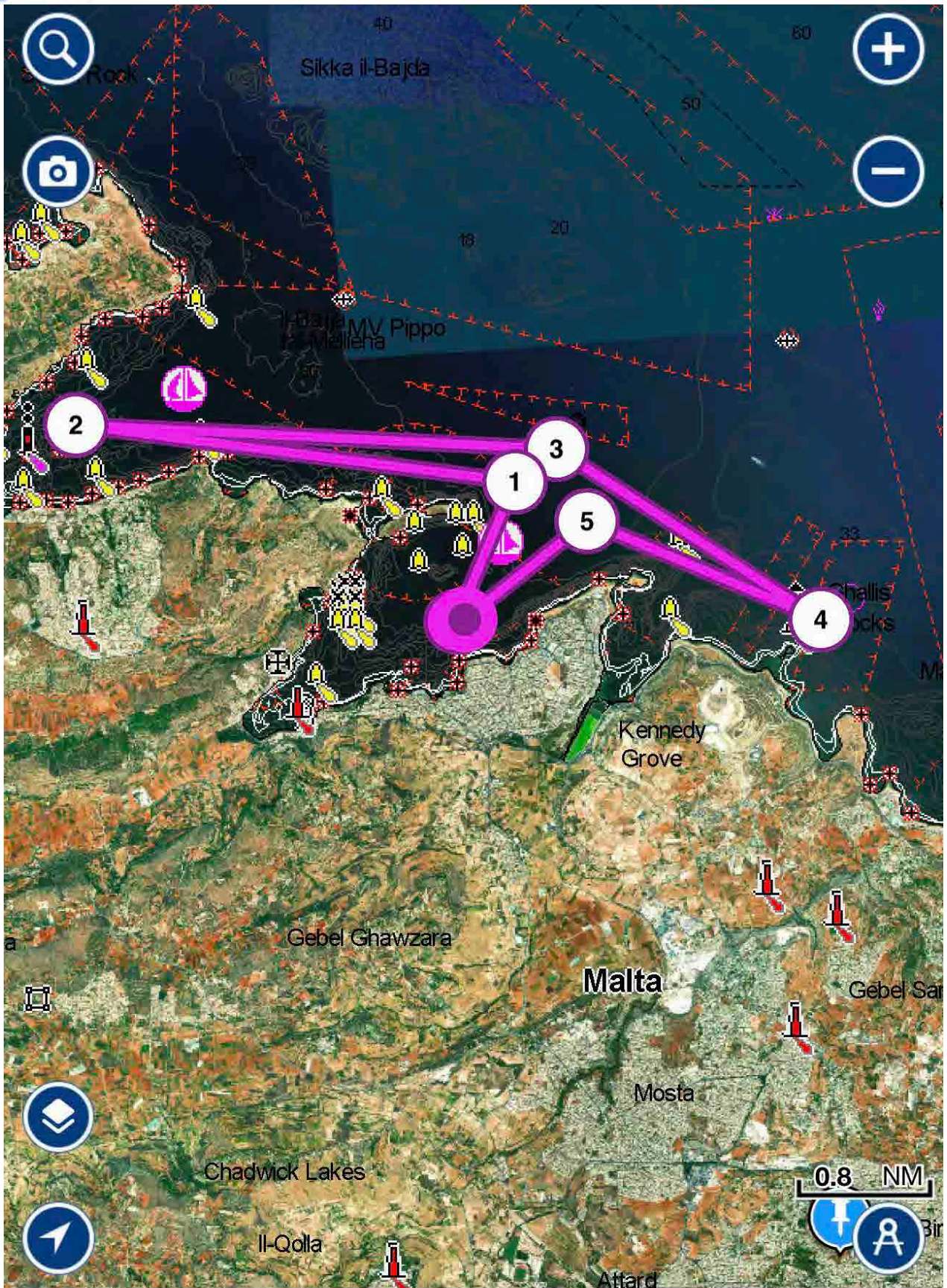
## 29. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

- 29.1. In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to MYSC the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them, taken during the period of the event as defined in the NOR/SI in which he/she participates, without compensation.

Appendix 1



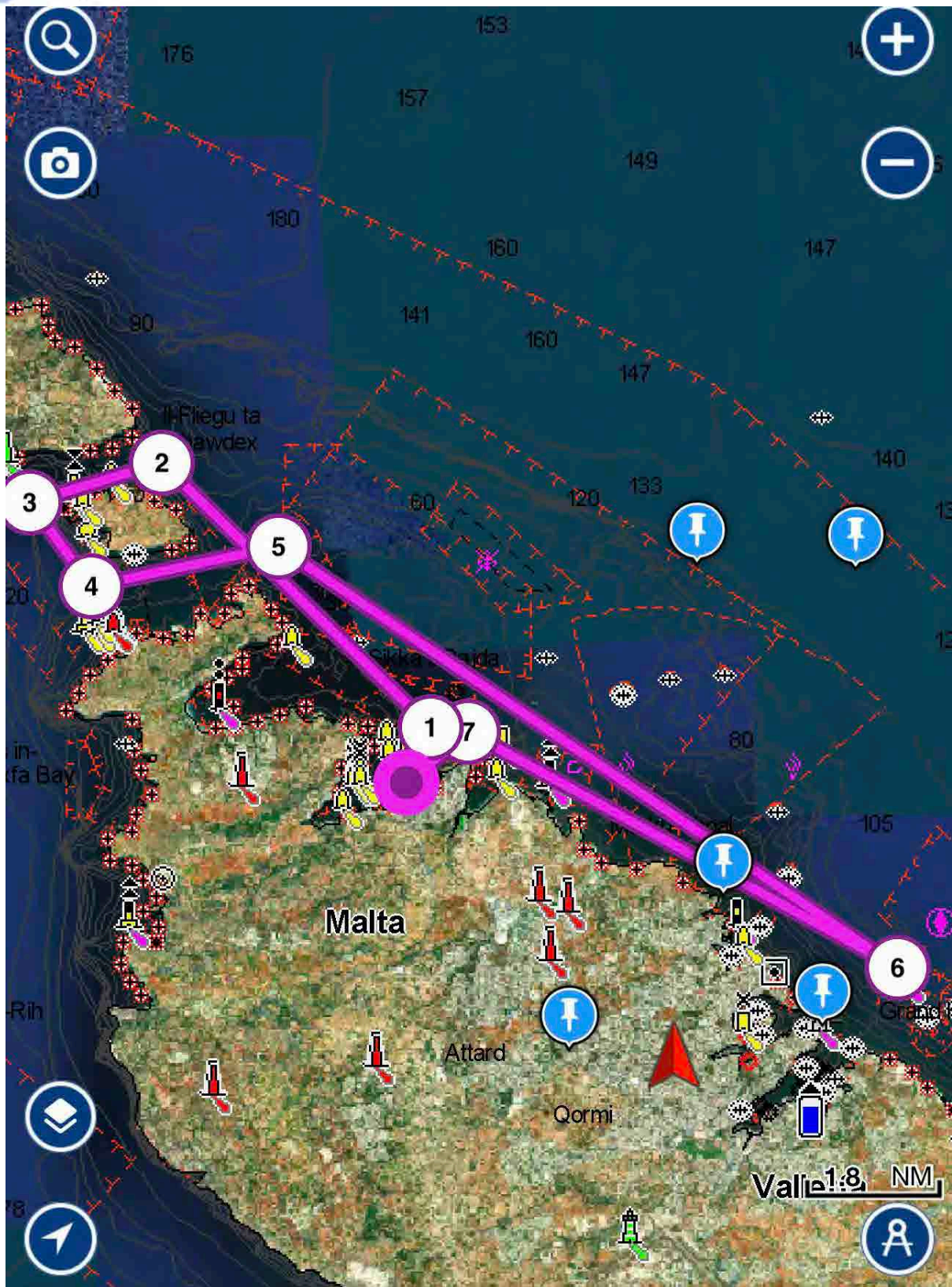




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**10.1 NM**

Time  
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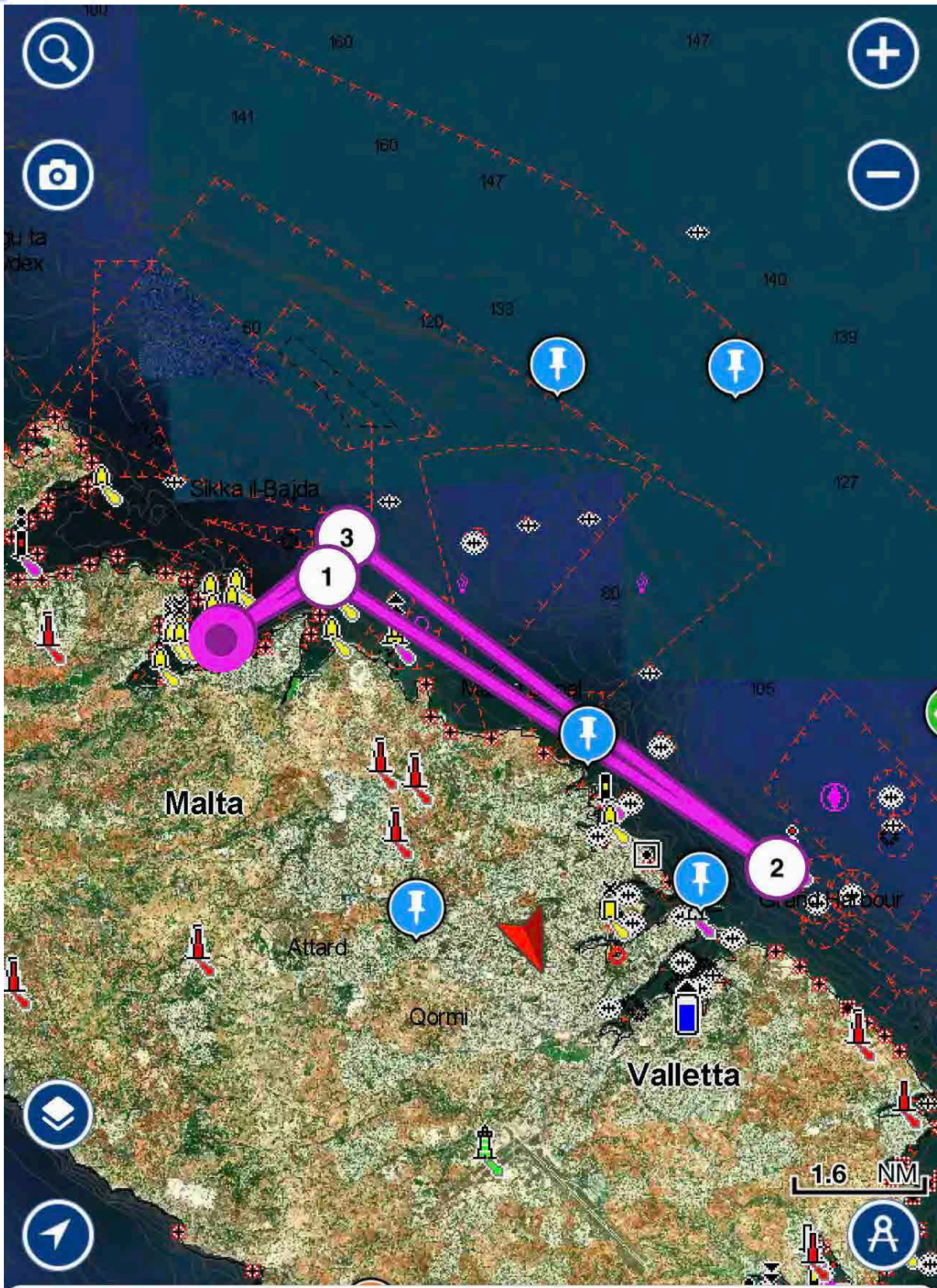
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**10.4 L**



Length  
**28.6 NM**

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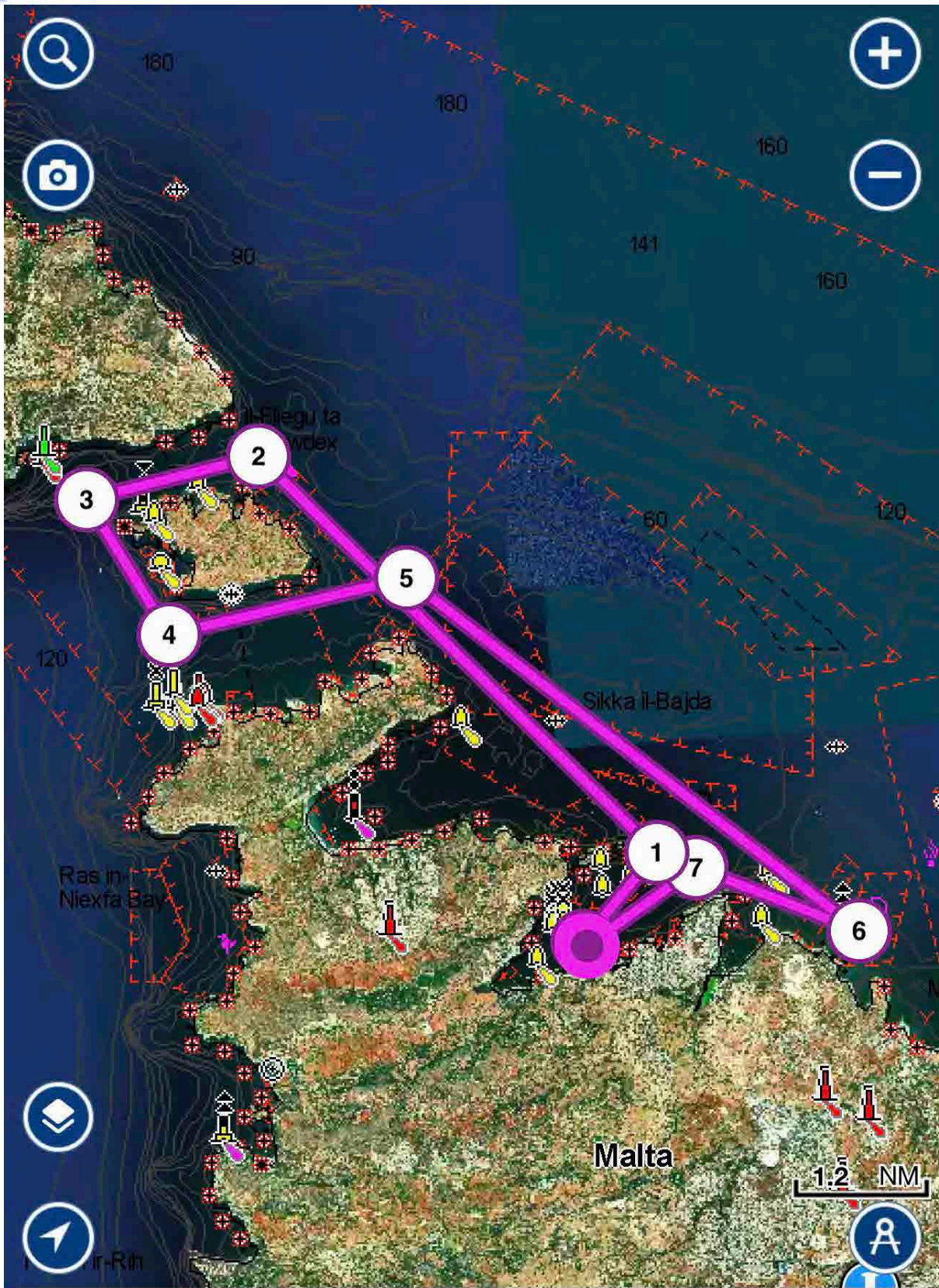
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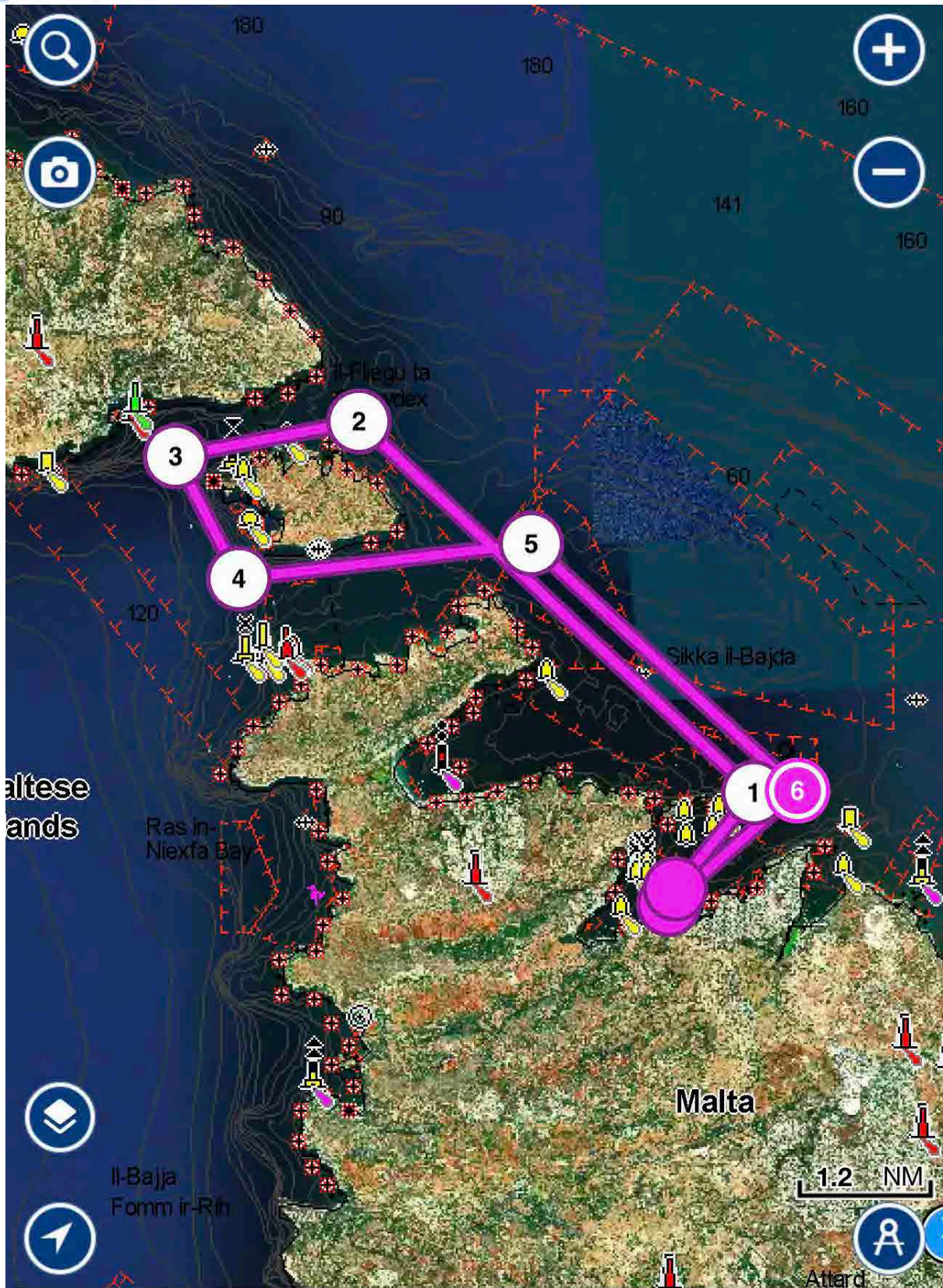
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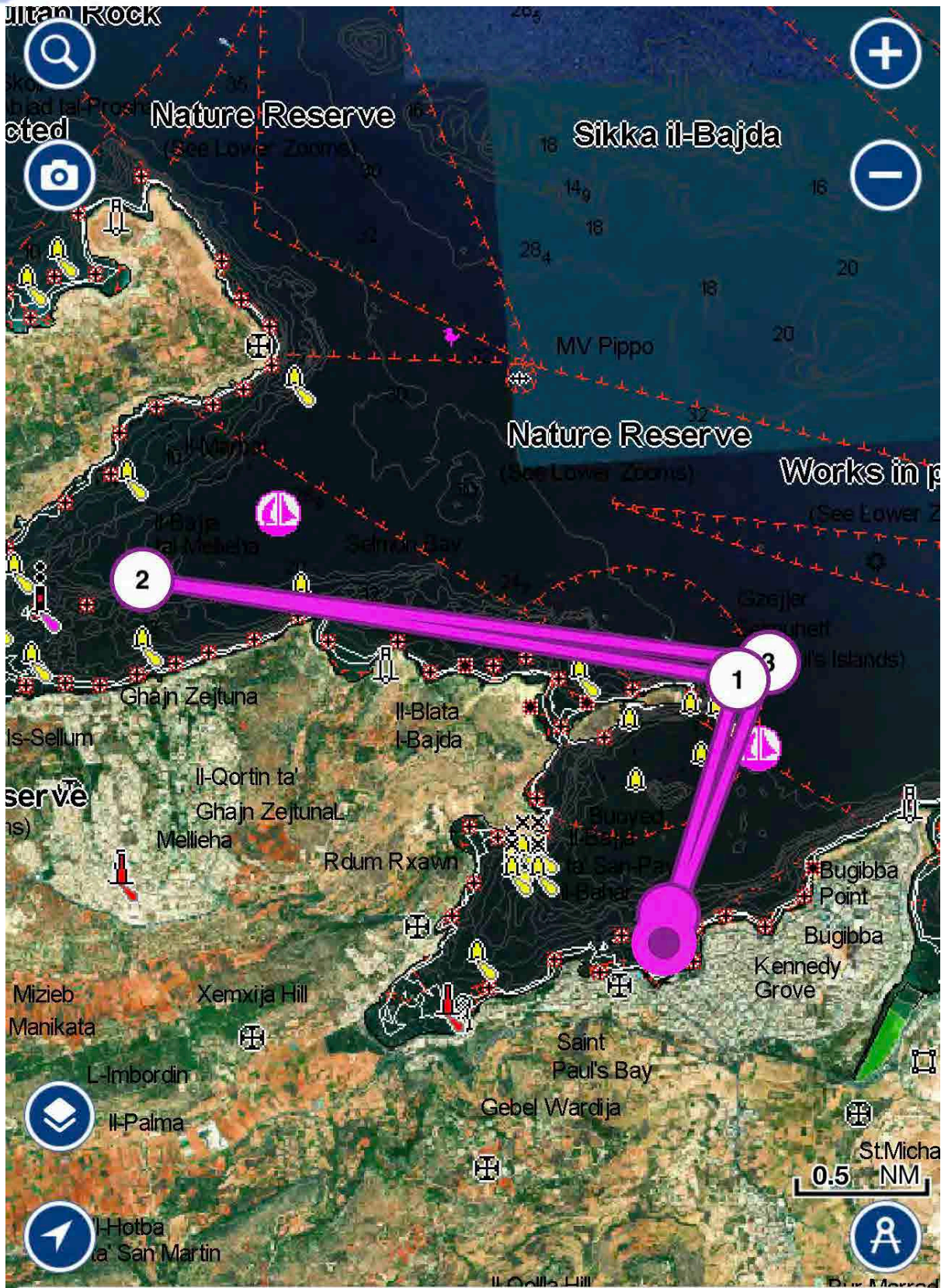
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Time  
**19h 32m**

Fuel  
**19.5 L**



Length	Time	Fuel
16.4 NM	16h 49m	16.8 L



Length | Time | Fuel  
**6.6 NM** | **6h 46m** | **6.8 L**